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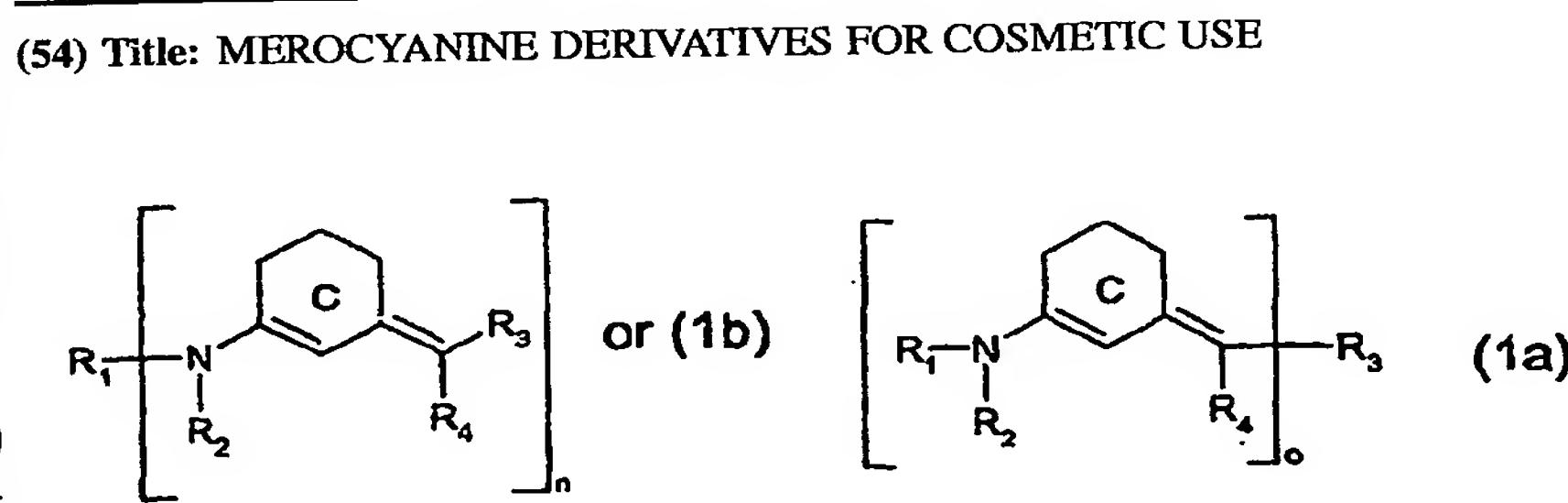
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(57) Abstract: Described are merocyanine derivatives of formula (1a) or (1b) wherein n and o are integers from 2 to 4 and aminocyclohexenone intermediates. They are used in protecting human and animal hair and skin from UV radiation.